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Successor to Dulles

The White House, it has been reported, has picked a successor to Allen Dulles as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The heir apparent, Fowler Hamilton, had previously refused appointment as Secretary of the Army. He is a 50-year-old Wall Street lawyer, a former Rhodes scholar, with no experience in intelligence work though he has been in and out of public service for 20 years. During the war, he was chief of the enemy branch of the Board of Economic Warfare and specialized in the selection of enemy targets. He has been an effective trial lawyer, is said to be flamboyant, a quick student, a manipulator on a good many

levels and equipped with a keen analytical mind, abundant energy and integrity. He is from Missouri and beneath the Senatorial flair there is a man who still knows how to talk about grain elevators.

As General Counsel of the subcommittee on the Air Force of the Senate Armed Services Committee in 1956, he worked with Senator Symington and accompanied Symington on a trip to Africa in 1959. Though an early Symington-for-President sympathizer, his was not an active political role; as he explained to friends, "Symington's the only man who has a chance who calls me by my first name." He has a reputation for fairness. Whether he has a deep and comprehensive enough awareness of world politics and will bring that knowledge to bear in locating and tossing out the rotten apples in the CIA barrel (that is, the kind of CIA types who engineered the Cuban invasion) remains to be tested in the months ahead.

At any rate, the President will soon have his own

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man, a liberal Democrat, someone of force and intellectual competence. The appointment suggests that the Administration, instead of first reorganizing CIA and then finding a man to do the job as redefined, has decided to appoint the man and let the reorganization of the agency come later.